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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to create a Lyme disease task force within the
2 department of public health.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. LYME DISEASE TASK FORCE. The department of
2 public health shall form an ad hoc task force of no more than
3 eleven members to comprehensively review all current studies
4 and other literature relating to the recognition and treatment
5 of Lyme disease. Based on that information the task force
6 shall develop recommendations for health care provider training
7 for the prevention, detection, and treatment of Lyme disease.

8 1. Task force membership. The department shall appoint
9 members to the task force from a variety of health-related
10 backgrounds and who represent government, academia, and
11 industry.

12 2. Task force organization and operation.

13 a. The task force shall select its own chairperson and
14 establish its rules of procedure. A majority of the members of
15 the task force shall constitute a quorum.

16 b. Members shall serve without compensation, but may be
17 reimbursed for actual expenses if funds are available.

18 c. The task force shall meet as deemed necessary by
19 the chairperson. In addition, the task force should, if
20 practicable, hold at least one public hearing to accept input
21 from interested members of the public.

22 d. The department of public health shall provide staff
23 support for the task force.

24 3. Report. The task force shall submit recommendations to
25 the general assembly and the governor on or before January 15,
26 2012.

27 4. Termination. The task force shall terminate upon
28 submission of its report to the general assembly.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill creates the Lyme disease task force, staffed by
31 the department of public health. Its purpose is to develop
32 recommendations for health care provider training for the
33 prevention, detection, and treatment of Lyme disease. Members
34 do not receive per diem, but may receive expense payments if
35 funds are available. The bill defines task force membership,

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1 calls for a public hearing to garner public comment, and
2 establishes basic rules for the task force. The task force is
3 required to submit recommendations to the general assembly and
4 the governor on or before January 15, 2012.

5 The task force terminates upon submission of its report.